



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Olympia, WA 98504-5000

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Dear Licensed Foster Parents and Unlicensed Caregivers:

I have great news as the summer outdoor season approaches. Children's Administration's licensed foster parents and unlicensed caregivers who currently have foster children in their home are eligible for free campsites at Washington state parks.

The free campsite program, available now, is the result of a law passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed by Gov. Chris Gregoire. You must be camping with the child or children for whom you are providing care.

A reservation fee is still required at reservation parks. The reservation fee will range between \$7 to \$9. If you choose to visit a park that does not require reservations, the campsites are available on a first-come, first served basis. Campsite fees, which range between \$20 and \$37 a night, are waived for qualifying families.

Children's Administration licensed foster parents will need to:

- Provide your foster home license or foster parent identification card; and
- Provide a valid driver's license at the entrance of each state park.

Please contact your licenser if you would like to be provided with a foster parent identification card.

Children's Administration unlicensed caregivers will need to:

- Provide your caregiver identification card; and
- Provide a valid driver's license at the entrance of each state park.

Please contact Michael Luque, Foster Care and Kinship Care Program Manager, at (360) 902-7986 or lumi300@dshs.wa.gov for your caregiver identification card.

Reservations for campsites can only be made by telephone. Call toll-free, 1-888-CAMPOUT (1-888-226-7688). When making your reservation, tell the operator that you are in the foster care free camping program. To learn more about the Washington State Park system, please visit www.parks.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Cheryl Stephani
Assistant Secretary, Children's Administration

